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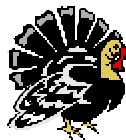
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings are short to barely adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow to moderate. Offerings are light. Demand was mixed ranging from light to good.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was mixed. Supplies are limited and held with confidence.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 29, 2005**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-84	79-84	81.00	25	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-80	79	79.00	15	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-85	-	-	-	-	-	-	240	NOV
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-86	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

W/E SEPT 30, 2005	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	78.00	81.50	75.21	EASTERN REGION	80.90	75.98	74.69
CENTRAL REGION	81.00	78.78	77.00	CENTRAL REGION	79.35	75.33	74.27
WESTERN REGION	86.00	80.20 **	75.70 **	WESTERN REGION	80.43	75.28	74.50
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	79.50**	81.00	74.80**	EASTERN REGION	78.43	74.26	73.98
CENTRAL REGION	79.73	79.06	74.30**	CENTRAL REGION	78.45	74.24	73.60
WESTERN REGION	78.00	78.70 **	74.80 **	WESTERN REGION	78.07	74.04	73.98

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	78-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	77-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	115-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	116-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Oct 03, 2005

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	87.53	399,000
16-24 lbs.	88.51	43,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	10,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume: 457,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 24-Sep-2005 (Preliminary)

WE 27 Sep 2008 (Continued)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	863	2	23.69	(A)	865	23.69
South Atlantic	734	-2	30.07	(A)	736	30.07
North Central	2,198	2	31.09	(A)	2,199	31.09
South Central	685	-4	17.35	(A)	686	17.35
West	360	-3	24.37	(A)	361	24.37
U.S. total	4,840(B)	0	27.17	7	4,847	27.17

To-date

2005 165,479(B) 160 165,639

To-date

2004 164,566(B) 286 164,852

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 49,000; for the current year to date 915,000; for last year to date 1,976,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

August 454,100*

September 1 - 24, 2005 354,538*

To date 2005 3,773,131*

To date 2004 3,702,808*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 24-Sep-2005

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>Thousands</u>				
Head	2,063	2,728	49	7	4,847
Avg Wt	16.25	35.46	25.80	27.50	27.17
Last week	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Same wk yr ago	1,580	2,652	63	5	4,300
Avg Wt	15.74	36.02	24.37	28.17	28.39
To-date/2005	66,771	97,793	915	160	165,639
To-date/2004	65,689	96,901	1,976	286	164,852

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 29 SEPTEMBER 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to barely steady, tom 2-joint wings mixed ranging from barely steady to instances fully steady, tom necks and full-cut wings fully steady. Demand on tom 2-joint wings light to moderate with some noting price resistance at current price levels, balance moderate to good with tom drums trading mostly at steady to lower trending prices. Some industry members were drawing product from other countries to satisfy Caribbean and Central American export needs. Offerings of tom drums adequate to instances ample, tom 2-joint wings mixed ranging from short to instances fully adequate, tom full-cut wings and necks short of buyers' needs. The market tone on hen bulk parts was steady to fully steady with increased caution noted on 2-joint wings. Demand light to moderate for the mixed availability. The market continued steady to firm on white meat, however, some caution was noted as a few started pondering the seasonal heavier trending tom live weights and the market ramifications. Demand overall moderate to good for the limited offerings. Truck shortages continued to be a concern due in part to continued hurricane recovery efforts.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	112.00	216
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	164.00		164.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	108.00		108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	46.00-47.00		46.11	90
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	46.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	41.00		41.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	39.00		39.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	47.00		47.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	117.00		117.00	80
NECKS, TOM	41.00-45.00		44.81	210
NECKS, HEN		M	35.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	248.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	285.00-296.00		286.77	494
THIGH MEAT	93.00-97.00		96.33	48
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	93.00	42
BREAST TRIM MEAT	165.00		165.00	70
SCAPULA MEAT	111.00		111.00	4
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	220.00		220.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	242.00		242.00	4
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	67.00-68.00		67.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	24.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	26.20	100

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00-45.00		43.03	632
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	36.26	316
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	156
TAILS		T	31.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	25.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	92.00	260

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on white meat was steady to firm with wing meat with skin and scapula held with the least confidence. Demand light to moderate on wing meat with skin and scapula with best interest noted on fresh. Offerings short to light. Demand good on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim with some noting buyers not as frantic as previous weeks. Offerings short to spotty at best. Trading was active on exports, moderate on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance light. Export trading centered on tom 2-joint wings for current shipments as some processors attempt inventory clean-out, fresh tom drums at 45 delivered over the month of October and open priced fresh thigh meat for October shipments. For domestic: hearts 24, tails 29, fresh wing meat with skin 85-96 mostly 85-88, fresh scapula 120, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 125 and 12-14 lb. 165, Grade A and plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 165, fresh breast trim 168, Grade A non-basted 16-18 lb. breasts 175 cents delivered. For export: livers 21 shipping point, frozen boney thigh trim 41 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	112.00	216	112.16	256
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	164.00	10	153.33	30
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	108.00	40	108.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	47.00-48.00		47.67	120	46.53	430
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	46.00	40		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	42.00	40	42.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	41.00	20	38.76	340
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	39.00	40	39.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	46.00		46.00	78	46.70	258
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	117.00	80	117.00	112
NECKS, TOM	40.00-43.00		41.00	60	43.06	330
NECKS, HEN		M	35.00	20	35.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	245.00		245.00	40	247.57	184
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	287.00-294.00		289.17	240	287.97	864
THIGH MEAT		R	96.33	48	93.48	168
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	92.00-94.00		92.98	90	92.98	132
BREAST TRIM MEAT	164.00-168.00		165.50	64	165.44	254
SCAPULA MEAT		R	111.00	4	111.00	4
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	218.00-225.00		221.50	80	218.79	165
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	40	68.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	231.00-240.00		233.51	68	233.99	72
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	40	24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	26.00		26.00	87	26.11	187
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00		41.00	104	42.74	736
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	36.26	316	36.26	316
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.50		41.50	624	41.50	624
TAILS		T	31.00	60	31.00	60
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00-23.50		23.07	184	23.65	264
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	92.00	260	92.71	340

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